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Donovan on Civil Rights

James B. Donovan, Democratic-Liberal candidate for the Senate, says his remarks about the secondary priority for civil rights legislation were misinterpreted.

He told NAACP critics yesterday that "brevity of time" on a televised debate with his Republican opponent, Sen. Javits Monday night, led to "a series of half-truths and distortions out of context of my position on civil rights."

Donovan had said on the telecast: "No great wave of new (civil rights) legislation is needed. Most of these (laws) are not needed. Most of them can come

later, but priority must be given to the basic human rights that were guaranteed 100 years ago and what's been needed is courageous enforcement."

To which Dr. Eugene Reed of Amityville, president of the state NAACP, replied in telegrams to chairmen of the State Democratic and Liberal parties:

"The statement . . . that he didn't see any need for more civil rights legislation indicated an inexcusable ignorance or disregard of the problems of minority groups in America."

In Donovan's defense, Liberal Party chairman Costello told Reed the party "will continue

its fight for necessary legislation as well as vigorous enforcement . . . Mr. Donovan stands for necessary civil rights legislation, but also wishes to make clear the importance of enforcement of the Constitution and laws . . ."

Meanwhile, Javits campaigned in the Bronx yesterday. He told a luncheon meeting of the local Lions Club in the Concourse Plaza Hotel:

"In the 1960s the Forgotten Man in America is the Metropolitan Man".

He proposed the establishment of a Federal Council of the Metropolitan Areas, somewhat along the lines of the Federal Reserve System established in 1913.